

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re the Application of: |) Confirmation No. 5573 |
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| Reiki WATANABE |) Group Art Unit: 1762 |
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| Serial No.: 10/743,314 |) Examiner: |
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| Filed: December 23, 2003 |) |
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| For: PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND |) |
| PROCESSING METHOD |) |

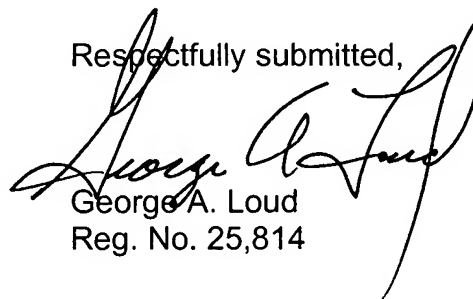
STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be advised of the status of the above-captioned application. The above-captioned application was filed December 23, 2004 and no Office Action has yet been received.

Respectfully submitted,



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Reg. No. 25,814

Dated: December 23, 2005